REMARKS

Claims 20-24, 26-31, and 33-38 are pending in the application. Claims 20-24, 26-31, and 33-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 20, 27, and 34 have herein been amended and are fully supported by the specification. Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the claim language. No new matter has been added to the prosecution of this application. For at least the reasons stated below, Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance.

1.   Drawings

Figures 4-9, 10A-10F, and 11A have been amended to meet margin requirements and are submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in acceptable condition and requests that the corrected drawings be entered.

2.   35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 20-24, 26-31, and 33-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Dedrick* (Pat. No. 5,696,965), in view of a Newsbytes article titled, "*Software For Accessing Online Gov't Info*," July 28, 1994, and a Newsbytes article titled "*InfoSpace Opens Ultimate Classifieds*," November 4, 1997, (collectively, *Newsbytes*). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. MPEP § 2143 provides in part, "To establish a prima facie case of obviousness ... the prior art reference ... must teach or suggest **all** the Claim limitations." (emphasis added). The recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit of In Re Lee, 61 USPQ2d 1430, is particularly pertinent to this issue. At page 1433 the Court addresses the purpose of the Administrative Procedure Act which requires administrative agencies, including the Patent Office, to not only have reached a sound decision, but to have articulated the reasons for that decision. This applies to patent prosecution in the office and before the board and subsequent review.

In addressing the issue of obviousness the Court noted that rejections under 35 USC § 103 must be based on evidence comprehended by language of the Section. The Court cites a series of cases requiring the showing of a suggestion, teaching or motivation to combine prior art references as an essential component to an obviousness holding. The Patent Office Board of Appeals in the Lee matter had rejected the need for any specific hint or suggestion in a particular reference to support the combination of prior art teachings. The Board had relied upon basic knowledge or common sense. In essence, the CAFC required that there be evidence of the showing of a suggestion, teaching or motivation to combine the state of the art including what might be considered basic knowledge or common sense to combine or modify references. Because the cited references alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest all of the Claim limitations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's § 103 rejections be withdrawn.
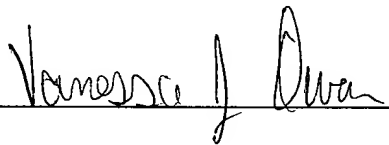
Independent claims 20, 27, and 34 have been amended to recite that a determination is made regarding whether at least one service is available to the user based on the classification. Neither Dedrick nor Newsbytes appear to disclose such a system. Neither Dedrick nor Newsbytes appear to disclose a system that determines whether at least one service is available to the user based on a user classification as claimed. The service may be, for example, a government form filing service or a payment service. Based on a user classification, one or more services may be available to the user. The classification may indicate that the user may be able to filing a tax return and/or pay any taxes owed. Nowhere does Dedrick or Newsbytes appear to disclose a system that determines whether one or more services are available to the user based on a user classification as claimed. Dedrick and Newsbytes appear to be directed solely to retrieving information based on one or more search terms input by the user. No determination appears to be made regarding services available to the user based on the user classification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 20, 27, and 34 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claims 21-26, 28-33, and 35-41 depend from at least one of independent claims 20, 27, and 34. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20, 27, and 34 are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (310) 788-5102. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 16-2230 (Reference 60021-305107).

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 20, 27, and 34 as follows:

20.   (Thrice Amended) A method for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, comprising the steps of:

(a)   determining a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government system utilizing a network;

(b)   limiting content available for display to the user based on the classification;

(c)   selecting regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; [and]

(d)   <u>determining whether at least one service is available.to the user based on the classification; and</u>

<u>(e)</u>   allowing the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.

27.   (Thrice Amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, comprising:

(a)   a code segment that determines a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government utilizing a network;

(b)   a code segment that limits content available for display to the user based on the classification;

(c)   a code segment that selects regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; [and]

(d)   <u>a code segment that determines whether at least one service is available to the user based on the classification; and</u>

(e)   a code segment that allows the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.

34.   (Thrice Amended) A system for customizing a graphical user interface to a government system, comprising:

(a)   logic that determines a classification of a user accessing a graphical user interface to a government system utilizing a network;

(b)   logic that limits content available for display to the user based on the classification;

(c)   logic that selects regional content for display on the graphical user interface based on the classification of the user; [and]

(d)   logic that determines whether at least one service is available to the user based on the classification; and

(e)   logic that allows the user to customize a portion of the content available for display, wherein the content includes links to other web sites within the context of the government system.